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II. Concise Statement of Relevance

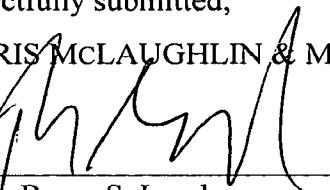
A concise statement of the relevance of all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 that are *not in the English language*, is being provided on a separate sheet.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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